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# PROCEEDINGS

June 2-7, 1920

## FIRST GENERAL SESSION

(Wednesday afternoon, June 2)

THE FORTY-SECOND Annual Meeting of the American Library Association was called to order by the president, CHALMERS HADLEY, librarian of the Denver Public Library, in the Ballroom of the Antlers Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 2:30 p. m., June 2, 1920.

HON. CHARLES E. THOMAS, mayor of Colorado Springs, on behalf of the city officially welcomed the members of the Association to the city with appropriate words of greeting.

President HADLEY then introduced MRS. CLARICE E. (JARVIS) RICHARDS, author of the *Tenderfoot Bride*, who addressed the Association on

### INDIAN LEGENDS OF COLORADO

(See p. 204)

President HADLEY next introduced Mr. FREDERICK C. HICKS, librarian of the Law Library of Columbia University, and president of the American Association of Law Libraries, who spoke on

### THE MODERN MEDUSA

(See p. 145)

The reading of the President's address followed, President Hadley's subject being

### THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AND THE LIBRARY WORKER

(See p. 135)

The session then adjourned.

## SECOND GENERAL SESSION

(Wednesday evening, June 2)

President HADLEY introduced Mr. JOHN RIDINGTON, librarian of the University of British Columbia, who addressed the Association on

### NEW NEEDS AND NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

(See p. 195)

President HADLEY next introduced Mr. DORSEY W. HYDE, president of Special Libraries Association and librarian of the Packard Motor Car Company, Detroit, who spoke on

## OUTLOOK FOR SPECIAL LIBRARIES

(See p. 141)

President HADLEY then introduced Lt. FRANK SCHOBLE, of Washington, who was blinded in service, and who spoke on

### LIBRARY WORK FOR THE BLIND

(See p. 144)

The meeting was followed by a reception tendered by the Colorado Library Association.

## THIRD GENERAL SESSION

(Thursday morning, June 3)

President HADLEY presided.

After some announcements by the Secretary a telegram from Mr. W. O. CARSON, provincial superintendent of Public Libraries of Ontario, Department of Education, Toronto, Canada, was read, stating that a new library law, which had been presented by the Minister of Education, enabled library boards to claim a tax yielding 50c per capita of population and whereby councils may increase the same to 75c per capita. Provision had been made for passing regulations to govern qualifications of librarians.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Montgomery that a suitable response be made by the Secretary. The resolution was seconded and carried.

The PRESIDENT then introduced Mr. W. N. C. CARLTON, chairman of the Enlarged Program Committee, who presented the printed report of the Committee with the following remarks:

My duties at this particular time are purely formal. As chairman of the Committee, I am instructed to present to you the re-statement of the Joint Committee on the Enlarged Program, which statement is the result of the carrying out of the specific and formal instructions of the Executive Board. As some of you may not have followed the evolution of this Committee and its work, it seems desirable to introduce the Report with just a few words of explanation. First, as to the composition of the Committee on Enlarged Program. You must bear in mind that there

is a slight difference between the Committee on the Enlarged Program and the Joint Committee. The Committee on the Enlarged Program was appointed by the Executive Board and the four affiliated societies. It has nine members. The Joint Committee on Enlarged Program consists of the foregoing nine persons and four additional members appointed at the request of the Executive Board to represent the attitude expressed in the circular letter dated March 31st, which called for a reconsideration of the resolutions as presented at the Chicago meeting last December. Copies of the Report of the Joint Committee were mailed to each member of the American Library Association a week ago last Monday in order, so far as it was in the power of the Committee, to afford ample time for its reading and consideration and the opportunity to think out suggested modifications, if it were your pleasure so to do. That Report, the Re-statement by the Joint Committee, I herewith on behalf of the Committee, present to the American Library Association for discussion this morning.

Mr. DANA moved that the Report be received and filed. The motion was seconded and after discussion as to its meaning, carried.

Mr. DANA then moved that the Secretary of the Association be instructed to say to the Executive Board that it is the wish of the Association that the Executive Board with its special Committee on Enlarged Program proceed with the carrying out of the provisions of the Enlarged Program, or rather the Enlarged Program itself, in accordance with the resolution of this Association passed at Chicago on the second day of January, 1920. The motion was seconded, and the resolutions were read, after which Mr. Dana discussed the subject at some length. There was further discussion by Dr. Raney, Mr. Rhodes, Dr. Andrews, Mr. Utley and Mr. Malcolm Wyer. Dr. Bostwick then moved that the resolution proposed by Mr. Dana be laid on the table. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. ANDREWS moved that the Report be referred to the Council, and that the report of the Council be presented to the Association before the Conference adjourned. The motion was seconded. After

discussion by Mr. Milam, Dr. Andrews and Miss Ahern, Dr. Bishop moved, as a substitute for the motion before the house, that the Association proceed immediately to discuss the Enlarged Program. The motion was carried.

The Program was then discussed by Mr. Dana, Miss Ahern, Mr. Utley, Mr. Greene, Mr. Martin, Mr. Milam, Dr. Raney, Miss Webster, Dr. Carlton, Dr. Andrews, Dr. Hill, Mr. Settle, Mr. Steiner, Mr. Roden and Mr. Ferguson.

When the question of certification came up, Miss Tyler presented the report of the Special Committee and asked that it be considered. Mr. Reece moved that the report be received and in general approved, and then referred to the Council for further discussion. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. RANEY moved that on the conclusion of the campaign, June 30, 1920, and the rendition of the then final report of the Committee on Enlarged Program, including the results of the Campaign and the Re-statement of the American Library Association's Enlarged Program and Budget submitted by the Joint Committee of May 17, 1920, be brought jointly to the heads of the Council, the Executive Board, and the Finance Committee, and if this Conference results in agreement on the part of a majority of each of these three bodies, the Executive Board be and is hereby authorized by the Association to proceed to the execution of the Program within the limits of the constitution; that in case of disagreement, the matter be referred for final action to the Association itself. The motion was seconded. It was discussed by Dr. Hill, Dr. Carlton, Dr. Bishop, Mr. Milam, Mr. Spaulding and others. On a rising vote the motion was lost; 58 in favor and 138 opposed.

The Secretary then presented, on behalf of the Executive Board, the following resolution adopted by it on April 30th. RESOLVED that the Executive Board recommend at the next annual meeting of the American Library Association that at least 50 per cent of the money received in con-

sequence of the present authorized appeal shall be set aside for a permanent endowment. A motion to adopt the resolution was carried unanimously and it was declared adopted.

Dr. MONTGOMERY moved the adoption of the following resolution: RESOLVED that the Association approves the action of the Executive Board in deciding that loans from the Association's War Service Funds for campaign purposes shall be a first claim upon the money collected. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. HICKS then moved that the American Library Association adopt the Re-statement of the Enlarged Program submitted by the Joint Committee as a basis for the guidance of the constitutional agencies of the American Library Association in the administration of the enlarged activities of the Association. The motion was seconded.

Mr. REECE moved as a substitute for the resolution before the Association that the Enlarged Program be made a special order of business at the Friday morning session. Miss Ahern then moved to adjourn. The motion was carried and the session adjourned.

#### FIFTH GENERAL SESSION (Saturday forenoon, June 5)

President HADLEY presided.

After the announcements had been made, there was a brief discussion of the unfavorable and artificial exchange value placed on the mark in the purchase of German books. Dr. Raney suggested that the Association better not take up the matter officially until the Peace Treaty is adopted.

A motion to proceed at once to a discussion of the Enlarged Program was lost on a rising vote; 95 in favor and 155 against.

President HADLEY then introduced Miss MARJORY DOUD of the St. Louis Public Library who read a paper on

THE INARTICULATE LIBRARY ASSISTANT; CAN  
FULLER EXPRESSION BE PROVIDED?

(See p. 141)

A paper was then read by Miss LORA RICH, Chief Assistant of the Chicago Public Library, on

HOW CAN THE BENEFICENCE OF LIBRARIES BE  
MORE SUCCESSFULLY DIRECTED TOWARD  
THEIR ASSISTANTS?

(See p. 141)

President HADLEY then introduced Miss JENNIE M. FLEXNER, Head of the Circulation Department of the Louisville Free Public Library, who read a paper on

CHOOSING A LIBRARIAN FROM THE VIEWPOINT  
OF THE ASSISTANT

(See p. 141)

Miss MARTHA PATRICK of the New Orleans Public Library was unable to be present. See page 141 for her paper on  
THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT AND THE LIBRARY  
BOARD

The purpose of the Library Workers Association was explained by Miss VAN DYNE. There was further discussion of the problem of library assistants by Miss Malone, Miss Downey, and Miss Esther Johnston.

President HADLEY then called for unfinished business and Dr. ARTHUR E. BOSTWICK, librarian of the St. Louis Public Library presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLVED: That the American Library Association approves the Re-statement of the Enlarged Program as presented by the Joint Committee as a basis for the guidance of the Executive Board in administering the enlarged activities of the Association.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. W. N. C. CARLETON as Chairman of the Joint Committee spoke very briefly and eloquently in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

After further discussion by Miss Ahern, Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Spaulding, Miss Malone, Miss Downey, Mr. Dana, and Mr. Strohm, the motion to adopt the resolution was unanimously carried by rising vote.

The Secretary then read a recommendation made at the meeting of the Executive Board in the matter of official pub-

lishers of the American Library Association. The question raised being one involving the policy of the Association, as such, it was moved, seconded and carried that it be referred to the Council for its recommendation.

The question was raised as to when the By-laws would come up for discussion. Mr. RANCK suggested that they be referred to the mid-winter meeting of the Association.

The session then adjourned.

### SIXTH GENERAL SESSION (Monday forenoon, June 7)

President HADLEY presided.

Miss CORNELIA MARVIN read a paper on  
ADVENTURES IN ORIENTAL BOOKSHOPS

As she spoke informally and her notes are not available, it is regretted that the address cannot be reproduced here.

Mr. WILLIAM MACLEOD RAINE then read a paper on

THE FORMULA OF THE WESTERN NOVEL  
(See p. 210)

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Mr. W. DAWSON JOHNSTON, upon the request of the President, presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association express its keen appreciation of the provision for the professional library service in the War and Navy Departments as evidenced in the continued close relations between these departments and this Association.

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association express its gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the meeting and particularly to Mr. Manly D. Ormes, chairman of the local committee, and his associates, to Miss Rena Reese, chairman of the social committee, and her associates, to Mr. Fred Clatworthy, of Estes Park, and to the representatives of the local newspapers.

MARY EILEEN AHERN, Chairman.  
W. DAWSON JOHNSTON,  
THERESA HITCHLER,  
Committee on Resolutions.

By common consent it was ordered on the suggestion of Miss AHERN that copies of the resolution relating to the War and Navy Departments be sent to these Departments.

The memorial minute on Andrew Carnegie adopted by the Executive Board and printed in the January Bulletin (see page 79) was approved by the Association. The Secretary also read memorial minutes on Charles Henry Gould and Miss Mary Frances Isom, which were adopted.

The resolutions follow:

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### Andrew Carnegie MEMORIAL MINUTE

Prepared by the committee appointed by the President of the Association and adopted by the Executive Board.

The death of Andrew Carnegie on August 11, 1919, at his summer home at Lenox, Massachusetts, in his eighty-fourth year, deprives the American Library Association of one of its few honorary members, and the free public libraries of the English-speaking world of their staunchest and most munificent friend. His substantial encouragement of the establishment of libraries stands unparalleled in the history of the world. His benefactions for libraries have been on such a scale as to make him a unique figure in popular education. His support of library schools in various parts of the country has been an important contribution to professional librarianship, and a natural supplement to his great work for the encouragement and promotion of libraries.

Mr. Carnegie's extensive gifts to libraries began in the eighties and followed each other with increasing rapidity, until the number and size of his donations attracted world-wide attention. His interest continued until his death; in fact, still continues, as much of his wealth was left for a continuance of the work.

Believing as he did, that free libraries were "cradles of democracy" and "fruits

of the true American ideal," he made it the business of his later life to give the opportunity for reading to any community which manifested sufficient interest to give promise of adequate and continuous support. Before his death, some three thousand library buildings were erected, at a cost to him of over \$66,000,000.

His interest in libraries was based on a keen appreciation of the educational benefits he had received personally from them, and his approval of an institution so unusually fitted to assist those compelled to educate themselves. Among the many avenues open to those who wish to benefit others, this made the strongest appeal to him, and received much the greatest share of his attention.

The principal direction to which his gifts were devoted was the erection of buildings. Believing, as he did, that a library was a necessary public utility in a modern community, he felt that the institution of this aid to education was best promoted by this direct initial contribution to those communities which already felt the need and were anxious to meet it. Once established, he felt, every community would maintain its library to the extent justified by the value of its work.

The sudden increase in library facilities occasioned by his benefactions, especially in this country, created an acute need for skilled librarians. To meet this want, Mr. Carnegie became an active benefactor of library schools, and continued to contribute to their support until his death. An additional contribution to professional librarianship was the endowment of \$100,000 presented to this Association, to promote the publication of professional literature, which has made possible the production of many useful handbooks.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,** That there be recorded in the minutes of the Association our deep sense of the loss of the greatest friend and benefactor of libraries in the world's history.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a

copy of this Minute be sent to Mrs. Carnegie and her daughter.

E. H. ANDERSON, Chairman.  
HARRISON W. CRAVER,  
JOHN H. LEETE,  
LINDA A. EASTMAN,  
ARTHUR E. BOSTWICK.

**Charles Henry Gould**

In the passing of Charles Henry Gould on July 30, 1919, this Association has lost one of its ablest and most devoted members, and it is with sincerest regret that the American Library Association finds it a duty at this time to express and record its sense of loss in his removal from us.

Mr. Gould had served this Association as well as his own country in a most devoted and efficient manner for many years. In a quiet and unostentatious way he has done not only much committee work in the Association but has also reached its highest official honor in his elevation to the presidency of this body. In that office he exhibited a master mind and an unlimited devotion that made his official career of great service.

Those who knew him realize that nothing that can be said at this time can overstate the value of his service.

ERNEST C. RICHARDSON,  
MARY S. SAXE,  
FRANK P. HILL,

Committee.

**Mary Frances Isom**

By the death of Miss Mary Frances Isom on April 15, 1920, the American Library Association and the library interests of the entire country have sustained a very great loss, and this body wishes to express its sense of loss and to record its deep appreciation of the noble character and devoted service always manifest in what she did.

Miss Isom was for many years librarian of the Library Association of Portland, Oregon, to which service she unreservedly gave her life. She became a leader of library thought and activity on the Pacific Coast, but her influence and devotion

extended beyond that region of our country by means of her activity in this Association both as an official and as a member.

It would be difficult to estimate the ramifications of her interests and her devotion to the life of the city of Portland and the entire coast.

Singleness of purpose and intelligent administration of her work marked her every thought and action.

MARY EILEEN AHERN,  
CORNELIA MARVIN,  
ZULEMA KOSTOMLATSKY,  
Committee.

Mr. HENRY N. SANBORN then read a resolution on the resignation of Mr. Utley from the secretaryship of the Association.

The resolution was written by Dr. R. R. Bowker, Editor of the Library Journal and one of the charter members of the American Library Association, as an expression from the membership at large.

The resolution was adopted as follows:

#### George B. Utley

The services of George B. Utley to the American Library Association as its Secretary, for the past nine years, have been of such resultful and successful character that it seems just and wholly desirable that the Association record in an especial way its recognition of that service. Under the precedent that a new President is elected each year, and in view of the infrequent meetings of the Executive Board, the executive control of the business of the Association is largely in the hands of its Secretary, and upon him devolves, therefore, both the routine administration and much of the forward movement in the work of the Association. Mr. Utley has met the requirements of the office with constant assiduity, excellent judgment and careful conservatism, while promoting the progressive development of the Association's endeavors in response to the growing needs and broadening character of the work of American libraries. During the strenuous years of war work,

he more than doubled his duties by serving not only as Secretary of the Association, but also as Executive Secretary of the War Service Committee and as one of the responsible administrative officers at Library War Service Headquarters. Those who have immediately directed the War Service have added their testimony to the value of his work in that field. Mr. Utley's agreeable manner, abounding good nature, unfailing patience and clear voice have made him especially useful during the conferences of the Association, where the burdens of work are manifold and insistent.

As Mr. Utley resigns the Secretaryship to take his place in the profession at the head of a great library, the American Library Association thus records its sincere thanks and appreciation to the retiring Secretary, and its best wishes for his success in renewing his work as a library executive.

It was next moved by Miss AHERN, seconded and carried that the Secretary be instructed to send letters of greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Henry James Carr.

Mr. ANDREWS moved that the thanks of the Association be extended to Mr. Carl B. Roden for his faithful services as its Treasurer. The motion was carried.

The Association adopted the following resolutions previously adopted by the Council and recommended to the Association.

#### National Library Service

WHEREAS, the National Library Service, which was established by the Bureau of Education, proved to be of such interest and value to librarians all over the country that when funds lapsed for its continuance the Boston Public Library established a current document service and published a monthly Government News Bulletin, thus demonstrating the value of a local Government Service; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Public Library and libraries in general cannot function satisfactorily without the aid of a national library clearing house; be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association in annual conference assem-

bled at Colorado Springs, June 2 to 9, 1920, again expresses its confidence in such a service and urges the passage of S. 2457, H. R. 6870, a bill to establish a library information service in the Bureau of Education.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each Senator and Representative and that they be urged to support this bill.

### **Reclassification of Salaries**

**WHEREAS**, the publication of the Report of the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries reveals a sound governmental employment policy and a classification of all positions in the Federal and District of Columbia Governments based on scientific principles, the adoption of which would place all government positions on a firm businesslike basis of co-ordination and interrelationship, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the American Library Association endorses the report of the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries in principle as representing sound employment policies for the Federal and District of Columbia Governments and urges the prompt adoption by Congress of the enacting bill and classification.

**RESOLVED**, That the discrepancies and inequalities affecting the classification of the library service should be eliminated, preferably by the closer co-ordination of that service with the other professional, scientific and technical services requiring equivalent education, training and professional qualifications, and represented in the classification by standardized specifications, terminology and salary scales.

The Secretary stated that arrangements had been made between the Boy Scouts and the Navy Department whereby radio messages may be sent throughout the country. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary be authorized to send a brief message from the Association direct to the Boy Scouts urging librarians to make available to boys everywhere all the best books on radio telegraphy.

The Secretary next read the supplementary report of the Finance Committee which was adopted. (See p. 000) under Finance Committee or Executive Board.)

### **REPORT OF THE TELLERS OF ELECTION**

Total number of votes cast, 168, the following officials being elected:

William Teal,  
Albert R. Nichols,  
Tellers.

#### **President**

Alice S. Tyler, director, Western Reserve University Library School, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### **First Vice-President**

H. H. B. Myer, chief bibliographer, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

#### **Second Vice-President**

Louise B. Krause, librarian, H. M. Bylesby & Co., Chicago, Ill.

#### **Members of Executive Board**

George B. Utley, librarian, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.

Azarian S. Root, librarian, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

#### **Members of Council**

Mary Eileen Ahern, editor Public Libraries, Chicago, Illinois.

W. O. Carson, inspector of libraries, Province of Ontario, Toronto, Canada.

Luther L. Dickerson, in charge Library Service, U. S. War Department, Washington, D. C.

C. F. D. Belden, librarian, Boston Public Library, Boston, Massachusetts.

Julia Ideson, librarian, Houston Carnegie Library, Houston, Texas.

#### **Trustee of Endowment Fund**

W. W. Appleton, New York City.

The president-elect, Miss Alice S. Tyler, was escorted to the platform.

President HADLEY: Miss Tyler, may I, on behalf of the Association present this gavel to you for use next year, with the warm hope that the year be one not only of success to you but one of satisfaction and progress to the Association.

Miss TYLER: Thank you, Mr. President and fellow librarians. I feel very humble



at this moment. All I can say is that while we are living in this high altitude, which seems to have affected some of us in a physical way, I hope it may not affect your humble fellow-worker in any other way. I will endeavor in every way possible to maintain the high and inspirational history of this organization and will do my

best, but you must not expect too much. Thank you all.

Miss Tyler was presented with a bouquet of pink roses from the Iowa librarians.

There being no further business to come before the Association the President declared the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

## COUNCIL

### FIRST SESSION

The Council met on Thursday afternoon, June 3rd. Twenty-nine members were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Hadley, who announced that the first thing on the docket was the nomination of the committee of five.

On motion of Dr. Andrews it was

*Voted*, That the President appoint a committee of five to nominate the new members of the Council which the Council itself is to elect for the next ensuing term.

The next item of business was the reading by the Secretary of the so-called Guerrier resolution, the "*Resolution on national library service*."

The Secretary read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the National Library Service, which was established by the Bureau of Education, proved of such interest and value to librarians all over the country that when funds lapsed for its continuance the Boston Public Library established a current document service and published a monthly Government News Bulletin, thus demonstrating the value of a local Government News Service and

WHEREAS, the Boston Public Library and libraries in general cannot function satisfactorily without the aid of a National Library Clearing House,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the A. L. A. in annual conference assembled at Colorado Springs, June 3rd to 7th, 1920, again expresses its confidence in such a service and urges the passage of S. 2457, H. 6870, a bill to establish a Library Information Service in the Bureau of Education, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each

Senator and to each Representative requesting his active interest and support.

H. H. B. MEYER, CARL H. MILAM,  
GEORGE B. UTLEY, GEORGE S. GODARD,  
C. B. RODEN, W. W. BISHOP.  
EDITH TOBITT,

In reply to an inquiry from Dr. Bostwick the President stated, "This is the library commission bill. At the present time it is the intention, I believe, to get back of the Bureau of Education for the purpose of disseminating information regarding public documents." Mr. Bishop then said, "This is a request for the endorsement of information regarding public audits for libraries which was presented to the Association last June and which then received its endorsement. It has been a bill favorably reported in both Houses of Congress. In view, Mr. President, of the extremely chaotic conditions of the printing conditions, the clearing house of information is even more than ordinarily necessary and the A. L. A. has put itself once on record as favoring the passage of these bills and the request is to renew the approval given at that meeting."

Opposition to the bill was discussed, after which it was

*Voted*, That this resolution be approved.

Dr. Andrews, when called up for a report on Central Union list, "reported progress."

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Perry, asking if as a body the American Library Association ought to take some action protesting against the increasing extent to which advertisements are allowed to creep into the text of current period-